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A report on the city of Podolsk (N 55-26, E 37-34)

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COUNTRY: USSR **NOFORN** ~~SECRET~~

SUBJECT: City of PODOLSK

DATE OF REPORT: January 30, 1958

a) Present name is PODOLSK.

c) Belongs to the Oblast: Moscow.

2. LOCATION:

Located south of Moscow, about 50 kms.

3. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

a) The city ~~consists~~ ^{surrounds} its old section and a few new sections recently constructed. It occupies a large area, although ~~there are no sections~~ ^{are not built yet} no constructions in some of its in-between sections.

b) The part of the terrain which stands out from the surface is on a smooth high plateau.

c) Next to this city, along ~~the~~ northern part ~~of it~~, there is a small river (name unknown), a tributary of the river MOSKVA.

In the southeastern part of the city, at about 8 kms., there are pine forests.

d) Winter months are from November to March, with an average temperature of 25° below zero, maximum 35° and minimum 17°, also below zero; with lots of snow and heavy frosts. ~~Spring~~ ^{Spring}: from April to the beginning of June,

[redacted]
with an average of 10°; maximum 12° and minimum 2°; this season of the year is known for its frequent rainfall, and ~~thawing~~.

Summer: from the middle of June until the end of August, with an average temperature of 23°, maximum 28°, and minimum 16°.

Fall: from the beginning of September to beginning of November, an average temperature of 12°, maximum 14° and minimum 2° below zero; with frequent rainfall.

4. Statistics:

a) Population is estimated at about 10,000 [redacted]

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b) Total population can be said to be Russian.

Religion, racial and linguistic minorities unknown [redacted]

c) ~~One~~ quarters of the population can be said to work in industries, the rest work in agriculture.

5. RESOURCES:

- Chemical factory (name unknown); believes factory is known by number).

This is a secret factory where no foreigners are permitted to work.)

[redacted] It is located on the western part of the city. The exact type of work done at this factory is unknown [redacted]

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(current)

- Main electric/transformer, located next to the above mentioned. [redacted]

- MEJANITSESKI- Sewing machine factory (old Singer). Located across from the others; it is an old factory. [redacted]

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of construction material. Located at Komsomol'skaya St. Factory employed 500 workers. Beams and concrete blocks were manufactured for construction purposes.

- c) In the surrounding area there were sown fields where the employees had their vegetable gardens in small sections donated by the factory;

Koljoses:- Pine forests were found at some distance from the city, to the southern part and about 8 kilometers away.

6.-New Constructions

- a) The majority of the buildings located in the southern part of the city, are practically new and are used as workers' quarters.

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7.-Construction

- a) The usual type of construction in the old section of the city consists of one-story wooden houses. Modern buildings vary, they are two to five stories high, of a brick and cement construction.
- b) The newly constructed houses are of the ordinary type.
- c) The city is governed by the "govsoviet" - "gorodskoy comitet" a city Council Committee and the "ganaskaya milichi" - militia

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are no military headquarters in the city.

8.-Public Service

- a) Alternating electric current is used in homes, offices and factories, its normal voltage is 127 - but 220 is also used.
- b) Television broadcasts were from 18 to 23:30 hours on week days; the broadcasts started at 16 hours on holidays. Sports, moving pictures and stage shows were televised through the Moscow station. Reception was good.

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9.- Streets and traffic system:

- a) Street numbers start at the nearest point from the center of the city. Even numbers run to the right side of the street; the uneven numbers to the left. Last number on the street depends on how long this was. 25X1
- b) ~~SECRET~~ALNAYA St. one of the most important streets - this is approximately 18 m wide; 6 m. of it had an asphalt pavement; the sides were about 6 m. each, and are a sort of promenades with trees. It is about 3 kilometers long. YUZNIIY POSELOK YUZNAYA St. is on the main road leading from Moscow to Tula - it is 12 m. wide; with a 4-miles pavement, and sidewalks, 4 m. each, with trees. 25X1
- c) There are no street cars nor trolley-buses. There are no auto-buses for the urban transportation, although the autobuses running between the city and the ~~immediate~~ ~~nearby~~ villages were also available for transportation from far apart places within the city limits. 25X1

10-Means of transportation:

- a) The ~~MOSCOW~~-TULA road crosses the city. On entering the city by the northern part of it, there is a small bridge over the river.
- b) The ~~MOSCOW~~-TULA railroad line crosses the city; this is an electric double-track railroad. There is a small railroad station in the city. Deposits, factories and bridges unknown 25X1
- c) no airports here. 25X1
- d) ~~Transportation~~ between other ~~areas~~ and cities was done by means of railway and autobuses. 25X1

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11. Public Security:

- a) [redacted] there are **Military Quarters** here [redacted]
state its location. **Fire department—they only have firemen at**
the factories. [redacted]

b) [redacted]

12. Military Units and Organizations:

- a) The **DOSAAB** organization **existed** in some of the factories through-
out the city **for the training of men on military tecnics.**
The "**DOSAAB**" **organization** was not in existance at the factory

13: [redacted]

14. Economy:

- a) Great quantities of good quality merchandise and consumers'
goods were available. There was a sugar scarcity at times, when
stock was low, but stock was quickly replenished.
- b) Prices at the military warehouses:
- Dark bread at 0.80 rubles per k.
 - White bread, of different qualities; prices varied from
1.10 to 2 rubles per k.
 - Potatoes: sold at 1 to 1.50 rubles per k.
 - Sugar at 10 rubles per kg.
 - Oil: at 16 rubles per kg.
 - Rice: at 5.50 rubles per kg.
 - Chickpeas: " " " "
 - Butter: at 27 rubles per kg.
 - Meat: at 14 rubles per kg.

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- Smoked pork **sausage** of different **qualities**; usually at 18 rubles per kg.
- String beans: at 4 to 6 rubles per kg.
- Vodka: at 21.20 rubles per 1/2 liter. (**regular price**)
- Cabbage: (fresh): at one ruble per kg.
- Salted fish: at 12 rubles per kg.

There was no black market.

- c) The most common agricultural products in this area were potatoes and ~~wome~~ different vegetables.

15. Sociology:

- a) [redacted] or Libraries. [redacted] there was a church and a mechanical school [redacted]

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- b) There was a hospital in this city [redacted] that there were two or three clinics. [redacted]

- c) The only newspaper is the PADOLSKI RAVOTSI, a daily paper giving city information ~~xxxxxx~~ and news from the USSR.

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16.-Personalities:

a) Military: none.

b) Political: " .

c) Economist: DIMITRI ARJIPOVITS ALYABIEV.-Chief of the P.K.P.P.

Combined.

d) Scientists: none.

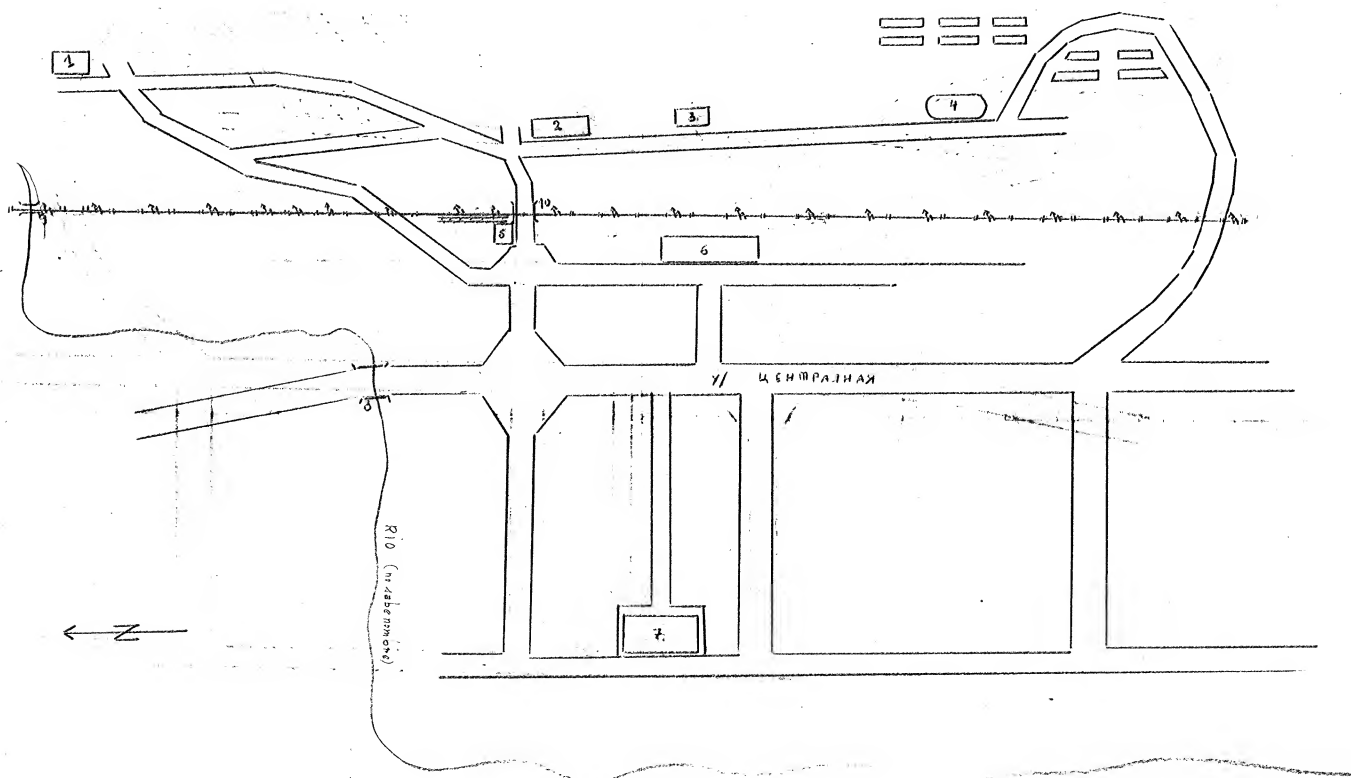
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- 1.- KOMBINAT PRIGOTOVITIELYNI PRED PRIYATSELNI (a combined of manufactured materials for construction purposes).
- 2.- Chemical factory.
- 3.- Main electric current tranformer.
- 4.-Football field.
- 5 -Railway station.
- 6.-MEJANITSIESKI.- Sewing machine factory (Old SINGER).
- 7.-Market place.
- 8.-Road bridge.
- 9.-Railway bridge.
- 10.-Small bridge or ~~overhead passage~~ an overhead railway passage.

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